

#### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

# Reaffirmation of the Finding of No Significant Impact for the

### Los Alisos Wastewater Treatment Plant and Conveyance System Construction Sonora, Mexico

On April 30, 2000 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for a series of projects to rehabilitate, upgrade and construct wastewater infrastructure facilities in Nogales, Arizona and Nogales, Sonora, including the Los Alisos Treatment Plant and Conveyance System Construction, Sonora, Mexico. In compliance with the Code of Federal Regulations 40 Part 6.508, EPA has re-evaluated the proposed Los Alisos project, the environmental conditions and the potential impacts of project implementation evaluated in the original *Environmental Assessment for Nogales International Wastewater Treatment Plant (NIWTP) Upgrade/Expansion, International Outfall Interceptor Replacement, Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation* (EA) and, with this reaffirmation of the FNSI, determines that the project may proceed without revisions to the EA.

The proposed action will protect public health and the environment in Nogales, Sonora and Nogales, Arizona by providing appropriate wastewater collection, conveyance and treatment for the growing volumes of untreated wastewater currently flowing from Nogales, Sonora through Nogales, Arizona and into the Santa Cruz River via Nogales Wash. These flows will be collected, and pumped to a wastewater treatment facility located south of the city of Nogales, Sonora with discharges to the Los Alisos river basin to be utilized for reuse.

The EA and FNSI are available for public inspection at the EPA Region 9 offices in San Francisco, California. To request a copy of the FNSI or EA for the project, please contact Tom Konner (contact information below). Copies of those documents are also available for public review on the EPA website at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/region09/border">http://www.epa.gov/region09/border</a>.

Requests for additional information on EPA's decision to reaffirm the April 30, 2000 FNSI may be submitted to the EPA until June 27, 2007 and can be sent via letter, fax or email to:

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